

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:00 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Jim Newman, Kim McMahon, Brian Crain, Ted Forkum, Melissa Cady (via phone)

Also Present: Hailey Coe, Juli Thurston (via phone), Jamie Larson, Tyler Larson, Calvin Kinney, Leslie Kinney

Approval of October 13, 2021 meeting minutes – Motion made by Kim, seconded by Brian 5-0 pass

NON-AGENDA:

Randy Woods asked for public participation in Non-Agenda items. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jamie and Tyler Larson with Top Dawg Arenacross presented their pitch for getting a motocross track put in. Their goal would be to hold two main races each year; an HCMA and a CMMX race. They understand that community support is going to be a big factor and have had several local families say that they would be willing to help out at races and that they will show up to support them. Kim asked if there was a particular acreage that they are looking for and if they are set on any certain location. Jamie said that they love the spot by the river but because it is used for parking during fair, they started looking at the south field instead and Tyler added that 10-12 acres is usually the standard minimum for a track. Ted asked about dust control; Tyler reassured him that they have resources to get a water truck here and that it would be well maintained. Randy would like to take a look at the property, look into a lease agreement, and find out about flood ways/planes before we go any further.

The Taylor Home bid came in at \$18,000 to remove the stage, fix and replace the particle board floor and water damaged areas, and install new vinyl plank flooring in the pavilion as well as removing the old stalls and installing new ones in the ag bathroom. He provided a bid of \$3500 to purchase and install the two heaters in the ag building.

Kim moved to approve the Taylor Home bids, seconded by Jim 5-0 pass

There are connections around the bleachers on the main line that used to have hoses on them in case a fire ever started in the bleachers; the hoses were left out and they rotted so we need to purchase more. Randy believes there are three connections and that 100 foot hoses should be sufficient.

Kim moved to purchase the necessary hoses, seconded by Ted 5-0 pass

Randy stated that due to the fact that this is a county fair, in order to be fair the opportunity to hold the 50/50 raffle should be open to entities around Sanders County not just in Plains. The fair also has a policy that unless you have a booth you cannot come on to the grounds and sell 50/50 tickets or raffle tickets of any sort without the fair approving it to help avoid fraud. We need to come up with some sort of system to help eliminate any confusion. Melissa received a message on Facebook from the Plains City Fire Chief after the agenda that mentioned the possibility of rotating the 50/50 raffle between different county firehouses was posted; he was unhappy about the thought of the fundraiser going to a different organization.

Juli Thurston gave the 4H report. They got the money that they requested from the state fund so they will be writing a check for 25% for the bathrooms.

Melissa Cady gave the fair manager's report. She has been looking at different gate options for the pasture where Ben put the post. Christmas decorations are almost all set up, we purchased a couple new decorations with the money that was donated last year. She emailed Ben about moving the jersey rails and leveling the arena but has not heard back yet. Since the county is going to start charging us for our dumpster, 4H is going to have to start paying for their own dumpsters during fair and we need to look into charging county entities for usage of the facilities. Kim talked to Nichol about the epayment options and they found out that Venmo and PayPal won't work because they don't have a way to cover government accounts in the event that something goes wrong; but the county has a new credit card company that offers handheld units that could be used in the merchandise booth. Randy mentioned hiring a company to sell our merchandise for us in order to skip the additional fee charged for being a county entity.

Ted moved to approve the claims, seconded by Jim 5-0 pass

Brian moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Kim 5-0 pass

Brian moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm, seconded by Ted 5-0 pass